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SUBJECT: TWELFTH CONSULTATION OF SPECIALIZED AGENCIES

1. FOR INFORMATION OF ADDRESSES THE GENEVA GROUP (GENERAL) MEETING IN GENEVA ON OCTOBER 24, 1974, AGREED THE AGENDA AND GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE TWELFTH CONSULTATION ON SPECIALIZED AGENCIES. THIS CONSULTATION WILL TAKE PLACE IN GENEVA TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4 AND 5 AND THE MORNING OF THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1975. THE AGREED AGENDA FOR THE TWELFTH CONSULTATION IS SET OUT UNDER PARA 4 OF THIS UNCLASSIFIED

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TELEGRAM. COPIES OF AGENDA HAVE BEEN SENT BY THE UK CO-CHAIRMAN

TO LOCAL UK REPRESENTATIVES FOR DISTRIBUTION TO GENEVA GROUPS IN
PARIS, ROME, VIENNA AND MONTREAL.

2. IT WILL BE NOTED THAT AGENDA ITEM I CALLS FOR A REVIEW
AND ASSESSMENT OF GENEVA GROUP ACTIVITIES SINCE FEB 1974 AND
OF FUTURE PROBLEMS AND OBJECTIVES INCLUDING THE CONSIDERATION
OF THE REPORTS FROM THE LOCAL GENEVA GROUPS. IN ORDER TO MAKE
POSSIBLE A COORDINATED DISTRIBUTION OF THESE LOCAL GENEVA GROUP
REPORTS IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT EIGHT COPIES OF EACH REPORT
SHOULD BE RECEIVED BY THE US OR UK CHAIRMEN IN GENEVA NOT
LATER THAN DECEMBER 18, 1974. REPORTS SHOULD FOLLOW FORMAT
CONTAINED IN PARA 5 BELOW.

3. TO INSURE PROVISION OF ADEQUATE ACCOMMODATION AND OTHER
ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING
FROM POSTS CONCERNED A LIST OF PERSONS EXPECTING TO ATTEND THE
TWELFTH CONSULTATION INCLUDING THE DATES OF ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE,
FAMILY MEMBERS IF ANY ACCOMPANYING THEM, ETC., AT AN EARLY DATE.

4. AGENDA:

I REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT OF GENEVA GROUP ACTIVITIES SINCE
FEB 1974 AND FUTURE PROBLEMS AND OBJECTIVES INCLUDING
CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORTS OF THE LOCAL GENEVA GROUPS AS FOLLOWS:-

- A. FAO
- B. IAEA
- C. ICAO
- D. ILO
- E. UNCTAD
- F. UNESCO
- G. UNIDO
- H. UPU
- I. WHO
- J. WMO
- K. UNEP
- L. GENEVA GROUP (GENERAL)-GENERAL

THE NETHERLANDS DELEGATION PROPOSE TO RAISE UNDER THIS
ITEM CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN MEMBERS OF MISSIONS OF GENEVA
GROUP COUNTRIES IN NEW YORK (IMPLEMENTATION OF RELEVANT
CONCLUSIONS IN THE NOTE ON THE 11TH CONSULTATION LEVEL MEETING).

II REPORT OF WORKING PARTY ON INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND
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COMPUTTER USE IN THE UN SYSTEM.

III REPORT OF WORKING PARTY ON LONG-TERM PLANNING (TO COVER
ALSO FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF PROGRAMME BUDGETING AND THE
BIENNIAL BUDGET CYCLE, CF. PARA 15A OF THE NOTE OF THE 11TH
CONSULTATION LEVEL MEETING).

IV (A) REPORT OF WORKING PARTY ON RELATIONS BETWEEN UN
AND SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, INCLUDING A REVIEW OF EXPENDITURES
RESULTING FROM CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS.

(B) ROLE OF ECOSOC IN POLICY AND PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATION IN THE UNSYSTEM. (PAPER BY AUSTRALIA).

(C) STRUCTURE OF METHODS OF WORK OF UN SYSTEM IN THE LIGHT OF THE FORTHCOMING 7TH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY. (PAPER BY THE NETHERLANDS.)

V INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS RECOMMENDED BY WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE. (PAPER BY THE NETHERLANDS.)

VI DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

VII ANY OTHER QUESTIONS.

5. FORMAT

AGENDA ITEM I () INSERT APPROPRIATE LETTER
REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT OF GENEVA GROUP ACTIVITIES SINCE
FEBRUARY 1974, AND FUTURE PROBLEMS AND OBJECTIVES:
(NAME OF SPECIALIZED AGENCY).

I. ACTIVITIES OF THE GENEVA GROUP (NAME OF
SPECIALIZED AGENCY) SINCE FEBRUARY 1974.

II. DEVELOPMENTS OF INTEREST TO THE CONSULTATION
LEVEL MEETING.

III. FUTURE PROBLEMS OF INTEREST TO THE GENEVA
GROUP AND LOCAL GROUP OBJECTIVES.

(A) PLEASE NUMBER ALL PARAGRAPHS.

(B) PAPERS SHOULD, IF POSSIBLE, BE NO LONGER THAN 3 PAGES.

(C) IN PREPARING SECTION I OF THEIR REPORTS, DEALING WITH
ACTIVITIES DURING THE PAST YEAR, LOCAL GENEVA GROUPS MAY WISH
AS APPROPRIATE TO COMMENT ON POINTS FOR FOLLOW-UP ACTION
INDICATED BY THE ELEVENTH CONSULTATION LEVEL MEETING WHICH ARE
SUMMARIZED BELOW:

I) GENERAL OBJECTIVES-LOCAL GROUPS SHOULD PURSUE THE
FOLLOWING OBJECTIVES AND DELEGATES TO CONFERENCES OF THE
SPECIALIZED AGENCIES SHOULD BE BRIEFED TO TAKE THEM FULLY INTO
ACCOUNT: EXCHANGE INFORMATION; DRAW CONCLUSIONS FROM PAST
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EVENTS; SEEK WAYS TO STRENGTHEN THE UN SYSTEM; ASSIST TOWARD
A MORE PENETRATING ANALYSIS OF SPECIALIZED AGENCY ACTIVITIES;
IMPROVE COORDINATION; ENCOURAGE ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY IN THE
SPECIALIZED AGENCIES; TEST IDEAS FOR IMPROVED MANAGEMENT.

II) CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS AND INFLATION-LOCAL GROUPS
MIGHT USEFULLY EXAMINE IN GREATER DEPTH THE EFFECTS OF
CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS AND INFLATION.

III) ANALYSIS OF BUDGET INCREASES-SPECIALIZED AGENCIES
SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO SHOW IN THEIR BUDGETS, WHEREEVER
POSSIBLE, WHAT PROPORTION OF ANY INCREASE IS DUE TO PROGRAMME
EXPANSION AND HOW MUCH TO THE RISE IN PRICES.

IV) SEMI-FULL BUDGETING-LOCAL GROUPS SHOULD BEAR IN MIND
THAT THE ELEVENTH CONSULTATION LEVEL MEETING EXPRESSED A
CONSENSUS IN FAVOR OF SEMI-FULL BUDGETING.

V) PROGRAMME BUDGETING AND BIENNIAL BUDGET CYCLE-EXCHANGES

OF VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN THE LOCAL GROUPS AND AT THE TEWELFTH CONSULTATION LEVEL MEETING.

VI) ECONOMIES OF MANAGEMENT-LOCAL GROUPS SHOULD ENCOURAGE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES TO SEEK ECONOMIES OF MANAGEMENT.

VII) SELECTION OF PRIORITY PROGRAMMES-LOCAL GROUPS SHOULD ENCOURAGE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES TO AIM AT A REDUCTION OF ACTIVITY THROUGH SELECTING PRIORITY PROGRAMMES.

VIII) UN COUNTRY PROGRAMMING-MEMBERS OF LCOAL GROUPS COULD USEFULLY EXCHANGE INFORMATION REPORTED BY POSTS IN THE FIELD ON ACTIVITIES UNDER COUNTRY PROGRAMMING.

IX) LONG TERM PLANNING-LOCAL GROUPS SHOULD RETAIN THE SUBJECT OF LONG TERM PLANNING ON THEIR AGENDA AND THE JIU STUDY IN PREPARATION ON MEDIUM-TERM PLANNING SHOULD RECEIVE CAREFUL ATTENTION.

OVERHEAD COSTS OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE-LOCAL GROUPS MIGHT USEFULLY EXAMINE THIS SUBJECT IN GREATER DEPTH

XI) FINANCING OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE-SUBJECT TO THE RESERVATIONS OF ONE MEMBER AND ONE OBSERVER, BOTH OF WHOM BELIEVED THE MATTER SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AGENCY BY AGENCY, THE ELEVENTH CONSULTATION LEVEL MEETING AGREED THAT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS SHOULD BE FINANCED FROM UNDP AND VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS RATHER THAN FROM REGULAR BUDGETS.

XII) CONSULTATION WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES-MEMBERS OF LOCAL GROUPS SHOULD CONTINUE TO WIDEN THROUGH INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS THE AREA OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THEMSELVES AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ON ISSUES OF GENEVA GROUP INTEREST.

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XIII) INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND COMPUTER USE IN THE UN SYSTEM-LOCAL GROUPS SHOULD, AS APPROPRIATE, CONTINUE:

- A. TO MAINTAIN A CLOSE AND CONSTANT CONTACT WITH THE MANAGERS OF THE ICC AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE IOB SECRETARIAT;
- B. TO MONITOR THE EXTENT OF AGENCY PARTICIPATION IN ICC;
- C. TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY THAT AGENCIES MIGHT PHASE OUT OR AT LEAST REDUCE THE SIZE OF THEIR INDEPENDENT COMPUTER FACILITIES AS THE TECHNOLOGICAL AND ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY OF AUTOMATIC LONG DISTANCE LINKS DEVELOPED.

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